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wherein said emission function face is provided with a number of ridges, each of which has a first flank face directed to the incidence end face and a second flank face opposite to the first flank face, and

wherein each of said ridges extends in a direction which is inclined at an angle falling within a predetermined angle range with respect to the incidence end face, said ridges being arranged disconnectedly at intervals.

2. (UNAMENDED) A guide plate as defined in claim 1, wherein said angle range is from 5 degrees to 45 degrees.

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3. (ONCE AMENDED) A guide plate as defined in claim 1 or 2, wherein at least said second flank face is inclined so as to increase in distance from the incidence end face.

4. (ONCE AMENDED) A guide plate as defined in claim 3, wherein both of said first and second flank faces are inclined so as to increase in distance from the incidence end face.

5. (ONCE AMENDED) A guide plate as defined in claim 1 or 2, wherein each of said ridges has a decreasing cross section so as to be tapered toward a ridge top portion.

6. (ONCE AMENDED) A guide plate as defined in claim 3, wherein each of said ridges has a decreasing cross section so as to be tapered toward a ridge top portion.

7. (ONCE AMENDED) A guide plate as defined in claim 4, wherein each of said ridges has a decreasing cross section so as to be tapered toward a ridge top portion.

8. (ONCE AMENDED) A guide plate as defined in claim 1 or 2, wherein said emission function face includes a first foot portion connecting with the first flank face and a second foot portion connecting with the second flank face, said second foot portion provides a stepwise difference such that a thickness of the guide plate is greater at the second foot portion than at the first foot portion.

9. (ONCE AMENDED) A guide plate as defined in claim 3, wherein said emission function

face includes a first foot portion connecting with the first flank face and a second foot portion connecting with the second flank face, said second foot portion provides a stepwise difference such that a thickness of the guide plate is greater at the second foot portion than at the first foot portion.

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10. (ONCE AMENDED) A guide plate as defined in claim 5, wherein said emission function face includes a first foot portion connecting with the first flank face and a second foot portion connecting with the second flank face, said second foot portion provides a stepwise difference such that a thickness of the guide plate is greater at the second foot portion than at the first foot portion.

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11. (ONCE AMENDED) A surface light source device of side light type comprising:
a guide plate which has an incidence end face to introduce illumination light and an emission function face provided to emit the illumination light; and
a primary light source disposed beside the guide plate to supply illumination light,
wherein said emission function face is provided with a number of ridges, each of which has a first flank face directed to the incidence end face and a second flank face opposite to the first flank face, and
wherein each of said ridges extends in a direction which is inclined at an angle falling within a predetermined angle range with respect to the incidence end faces, said ridges being arranged disconnectedly at intervals.

12. (UNAMENDED) A surface light source device as defined in claim 11, wherein said angle range is from 5 degrees to 45 degrees.

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13. (ONCE AMENDED) A surface light source device as defined in claim 11 or 12, wherein at least said second flank face is inclined so as to increase in distance from the incidence end face.

14. (ONCE AMENDED) A surface light source device as defined in claim 13, wherein both of said first and second flank faces are inclined so as to increase in distance from the incidence end face.

15. (ONCE AMENDED) A surface light source device as defined in claim 11 or 12, wherein each of said ridges has a decreasing cross section so as to be tapered toward a ridge top portion.

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16. (ONCE AMENDED) A surface light source device as defined in claim 13, wherein each of said ridges has a decreasing cross section so as to be tapered toward a ridge top portion.

17. (ONCE AMENDED) A surface light source device as defined in claim 14, wherein each of said ridges has a decreasing cross section so as to be tapered toward a ridge top portion.

18. (ONCE AMENDED) A surface light source device as defined in claim 11 or 12, wherein said emission function face includes a first foot portion connecting with the first flank face and a second foot portion connecting with the second flank face, said second foot portion provides a stepwise difference such that a thickness of the guide plate is greater at the second foot portion than at the first foot portion.

19. (ONCE AMENDED) A surface light source device as defined in claim 13, wherein said emission function face includes a first foot portion connecting with the first flank face and a second foot portion connecting with the second flank face, said second foot portion provides a stepwise difference such that a thickness of the guide plate is greater at the second foot portion than at the first foot portion.

20. (ONCE AMENDED) A surface light source device as defined in claim 15, wherein said emission function face includes a first foot portion connecting with the first flank face and a second foot portion connecting with the second flank face, said second foot portion provides a stepwise difference such that a thickness of the guide plate is greater at the second foot portion than at the first foot portion.

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21. (ONCE AMENDED) A liquid crystal display comprising:
a surface light source device of side light type which has a guide plate having an incidence end face to introduce illumination light and an emission function face provided to emit the illumination light and which has a primary light source disposed beside the guide plate to supply illumination light; and
a liquid crystal display panel to be illuminated by the surface light source device,
wherein said emission function face is provided with a number of ridges, each of which

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has a first flank face directed to the incidence end face and a second flank face opposite with the first flank face, and

wherein each of said ridges extends in a direction which is inclined at an angle falling within a predetermined angle range with respect to the incidence end face, said ridges being arranged disconnectedly at intervals.

22. (UNAMENDED) A liquid crystal display as defined in claim 21, wherein said angle range is from 5 degrees to 45 degrees.

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23. (ONCE AMENDED) A liquid crystal display as defined in claim 21 or 22, wherein at least said second flank face is inclined so as to increase in distance from the incidence end face.

24. (ONCE AMENDED) A liquid crystal display as defined in claim 23, wherein both of said first and second flank faces are inclined so as to increase in distance from the incidence end face.

25. (ONCE AMENDED) A liquid crystal display as defined in claim 21 or 22, wherein each of said ridges has a decreasing cross section so as to be tapered toward a ridge top portion.

26. (ONCE AMENDED) A liquid crystal display as defined in claim 23, wherein each of said ridges has a decreasing cross section so as to be tapered toward a ridge top portion.

27. (ONCE AMENDED) A liquid crystal display as defined in claim 24, wherein each of said ridges has a decreasing cross section so as to be tapered toward a ridge top portion.

28. (ONCE AMENDED) A liquid crystal display as defined in claim 21 or 22, wherein said emission function face includes a first foot portion connecting with the first flank face and a second foot portion connecting with the second flank face, said second foot portion provides a stepwise difference such that a thickness of the guide plate is greater at the second foot portion than at the first foot portion.

29. (ONCE AMENDED) A liquid crystal display as defined in claim 23, wherein said emission function face includes a first foot portion connecting with the first flank face and a second foot portion connecting with the second flank face, said second foot portion provides a stepwise

difference such that a thickness of the guide plate is greater at the second foot portion than at the first foot portion.

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30. (ONCE AMENDED) A liquid crystal display as defined in claim 25, wherein said emission function face includes a first foot portion connecting with the first flank face and a second foot portion connecting with the second flank face, said second foot portion provides a stepwise difference such that a thickness of the guide plate is greater at the second foot portion than at the first foot portion.

31. (UNAMENDED) A liquid crystal display as defined in claim 21 or 22, wherein said surface light source device of side light type is arranged for front-lighting of said liquid crystal display panel.

32. (UNAMENDED) A liquid crystal display as defined in claim 23, wherein said surface light source device of side light type is arranged for front-lighting of said liquid crystal display panel.

33. (UNAMENDED) A liquid crystal display as defined in claim 25, wherein said surface light source device of side light type is arranged for front-lighting of said liquid crystal display panel.

34. (UNAMENDED) A liquid crystal display as defined in claim 28, wherein said surface light source device of side light type is arranged for front-lighting of said liquid crystal display panel.

Attached hereto is a "Version with Markings to Show Changes Made," comprising a marked-up version of the claims. 37 C.F.R. §1.121 (c)(I)(ii).

C. In the Abstract

Please replace the current Abstract with the Abstract included on the separate sheet attached hereto.

D. In the Drawings

Please approve the corrections to the drawings, as indicated on the attached "Letter to the Examiner Requesting Approval of Changes to the Drawings."
